A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. N. Sarabhoja).—

The answer is in the affirmative.

Mr. MARULASIDDAPPA.—Why is it that the scheme has not yet been sanctioned ?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—Whether the water available was enough or not had to be investigated. The investigation has been held and it is found that there is not enough water.

Mr. MARULASIDDAPPA.— After having conducted a survey at a heavy cost. if the scheme is dropped, would it not mean a loss to the Government ?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—The expenditure on a preliminary survey is inevitable, whatever the result.

Mr. MARULASIDDAPPA.—What is the expenditure incurred so far ?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—Notice.

Mr. MARULASIDDAPPA.—Is the scheme likely to be taken up ?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—Perhaps not. There will be no water there in August and September.

Mr. MARULASIDDAPPA.—There will be plenty of water. In fact, that is just the spot where the Vedavathi river takes its source. And with the help of that water, about 400 or 500 acres can be converted into wet lands. Both the Revenue Commissioner and the Dewan had promised to consider the scheme.

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—The report we have received is that there is not sufficient water for irrigation.

Mr. MARULASIDDAPPA.—Will it not be possible to order a fresh survey ?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—If the tank is to be restored, a fresh survey has to be made.

Restoration of Tanks in Chennarayapatna Taluk.

Q.—35. Messrs. B. L. HUTCHAPPA and S. B. JOGANNA GOWDA (Chennarayapatna Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of major and minor tanks in Chennarayapatna Taluk;

(*b*) the number of tanks which, even when they are full, cannot supply sufficient water to the lands below them ;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the difficulty experienced by the raiyats in their being unable to raise good crops in lands under many tanks owing to their sluices and waste-weirs being in a state of disrepair ?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. N. Sarabhoja).—

(*a*) 45 major and 141 minor tanks.

(*b*) The matter is under investigation.

(*c*) Yes. Only in a few cases.

Construction of a Reservoir across the Hemavathi near Gorur.

Q.—36. Mr. K. RAMANNA (Hole Narasipur Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) (i) all the surveyed projects originally contemplated for the construction of reservoirs across the rivers in the State, and (ii) the places where they were proposed to be constructed ;

(*b*) (i) whether the construction of a reservoir across the Hemavathi near Gorur in Hassan District is one of the proposals in view of Government ;

(ii) if so, the extent of dry lands that is calculated to be converted into wet by the *nala* or *nalas* from that reservoir; the estimated cost of the project ;

(iii) if this project is in the view of the Government, the arrangements that have been made for its execution ;

(iv) whether Government have arranged to commence the work during the current year; if so, when it will be taken up ?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. N. Sarabhoja).—

(*a*) Surveys have been conducted for the construction of reservoirs on the rivers Kabbini, Hemavathi, Lakshmanathirtha and Suvaranavathi at Hullahalli, Gorur, Hanagod and Byadamudlu, respectively.

(*b*) (i) Yes.

(ii) About 45,000 acres.

About Rs. 180 lakhs.

(iii) The stage for execution of the project has not yet been reached

(iv) Does not arise in view of reply to (iii) *supra*.

Mr. K. RAMANNA.—With reference to answer (*b*), is the project likely to be taken up at all?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—We cannot say: The question is under correspondence with the Government of Madras and their consent must first be received.

Mr. K. RAMANNA.—Many villages are likely to be submerged. If it is decided to take up the project, the people might be told so. This would save them the trouble and expense of repairing their houses.

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—The intention is to take up the scheme, but no time-limit can be specified.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG.—What are the taluks that will be irrigated under the scheme?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—Holenarsipur, Chennarayapatna, and Krishnarajpet Taluks.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Will it not be possible to state roughly how long the project is likely to be deferred?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—As at present known, it may take 5 to 6 years to make a beginning.

Mr. HANUMANTHA SETTY.—What about the reservoir across Lakshmanathirtha river?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—The survey is over.

Mr. HANUMANTHA SETTY.—Are not the raiyats of those parts suffering for want of irrigation facilities?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—It might be. But this is also a project about which a neighbouring Government have to be consulted first.

Mr. C. V. RAMAN.—When will the Suvarnavathi project be taken up?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—We cannot say anything now. As I said already, the fear is that the water available is not adequate. We shall watch the supply for the next 3 or 4 years and then see.

Mr. C. V. RAMAN.—My request is that some reservoir that would help irrigation in Chamarajanagar may be constructed early.

Mr. B. SITARAMIAH.—At the last session of the Assembly, the Dewan was pleased definitely to promise that the construction of reservoirs across the Vedavathi river near Kariyala and Naranapura would be taken up. May I know the action so far taken to implement that promise?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.— Both the schemes are under examination.

Mr. B. SITARAMIAH.—Will negotiations with the Madras Government be over by next year?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—Probably.

Mr. ABDUL RASOOL SAB.—In the Nagamangala Taluk, there are no irrigation facilities. Cannot a channel be constructed to bring water to it, say through Chennarayapatna?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—That will not be possible.

Mr. J. ASWATHANARAYANA RAO.—There was a proposal to construct a reservoir across the Kusavathi river in Byrasagara, Gudibanda Sub-Taluk. An estimate was prepared, but the project has not been taken up, with the result that all the water is flowing into British India. Why not utilise the water for irrigational purposes?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—Is it a restoration work?

Mr. J. ASWATHANARAYANA RAO.—Yes, it is midway between the old and the new sites.

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—I shall enquire about it.

Mr. Rayara KEMPANNA.—Government had promised to construct a reservoir across the Vrishabhavathi river in Bowringpet Taluk. But there is no mention of that project in the answer to question (*a*).

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—I shall enquire about it also.

Mr. B. SITARAMIAH.—Is it not possible to improve the supply of water to the Vani Vilas Sagara?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—There is no source of supply other than rainfall.

Mr. B. SITARAMIAH.—Is it not possible to divert water from the Yagathi river?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—No.

Mr. B. SITARAMIAH.—Was not a survey made formerly for this purpose?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—Yes, but some practical difficulties came in the way.

Mr. B. SITARAMIAH.—Supposing the raiyats agree to pay the necessary contribution, cannot the supply be improved?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—Even then no useful results will follow.

Mr. B. SITARAMIAH.—But will not the entire Marikanve project which has cost something like Rs. 50 lakhs go to waste if the storage is not improved?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—We must be content with whatever benefits are accruing from it at present.

Mr. B. SITARAMIAH.—Will not the neighbouring Government allow us to divert water from the Yagathi river?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—Not likely, if it will come in the way of their irrigational schemes.

Mr. B. SITARAMIAH.—Have they been approached in this matter?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—No, but in other cases in which we consulted them, they did not agree.

Mr. B. SITARAMIAH.—Will you please take up the matter again with the Madras Government?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—We shall examine the suggestion.

Mr. N. Y. VEERABHADRACHAR.—For lack of irrigational facilities, raiyats from Nagamangala have migrated to other taluks and the population in that area has become sparse. To prevent further depopulation, why not construct a dam or reservoir across the Lokapavani river?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—The project has been surveyed and is under consideration.

Mr. N. Y. VEERABHADRACHAR.—When will work be taken up?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—It is not possible to say.

Mr. B. L. HUTCHAPPA.—What is the result of the survey made in respect of the Hemavathi river?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—A deep cutting 180 feet long will be necessary and the canal will have to be constructed through long tunnels. The cost is found to be prohibitive.

Mr. THAMMIAH.—Cannot some special arrangement be made for creating irrigational facilities in Nagamangala Taluk?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—We shall consider the suggestion.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Is it possible for any Government to build dams or reservoirs across all the rivers in all parts of the State at one and the same time? (*Laughter*).

Mr. MIR MAHOMED SAB.—Government have spent thousands of rupees already on survey operations in connection with the Lakkavalli project. But is the project going to be taken up at all?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—It will be taken up as soon as possible.

Mr. MIR MAHOMED SAB.—Now that the Marconahalli project is completed, is it not possible to have a high level canal from the right bank for extending the irrigational facilities?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—The question is under consideration.

Scheme for an Anecut across the Sathehalla, Arkalgud Taluk.

Q.—38. Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH (Arkalgud Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the levels of waste-weir of the Konanur Doddakere tank and the proposed site of *anecut* to Sathehalla where—from it is proposed to take a feeder channel to the said tank in Arkalgud Taluk;

(*b*) the estimated length of the proposed *nala* in miles;

(*c*) the details of slope (the fall) for each mile of the *nala*;

(*d*) the details for Rs. 1,42,000 which is the estimated cost of this project (an abstract of the estimate may also be furnished with the cost of each kind of work);

(*e*) whether they are aware that the atchkatdars under all minor tanks have executed *mutchalikas* agreeing to pay contribution;

(*f*) whether it has come to their notice that *mutchalikas* have been